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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

1-2	WARDERS OF THE WESTERN GATE ❖
8-9	CROWN TOURNAMENT ❖
14-16	BARIONAL CHAMPIONS ❖
22	MOUNTAIN PAS ❖

OCTOBER

27	ST. GOLIAS ❖

❖ *attendance by Their Excellencies*

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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the **GRAND** Barony of al-Barran!

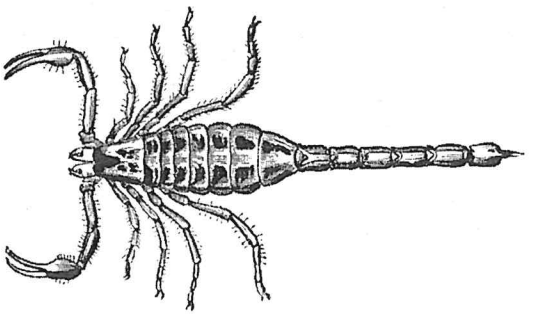
It has now been just over a year that We have been blessed with the position of being your Baron and Baroness. It has been a year full of the most interesting happenings imaginable. We would be most pleased with your input for the following year and the events that it can hold. Please contact us with your thoughts, ideas and suggestions as to how the next year can be as exciting as possible for everybody.

This Month bring a multitude of exciting events including Warders of the Western Gate in Fontaine, Crown Tournament and BARONIAL CHAMPIONS! We would like to thank the Champions that will be stepping down for all of their work, support and enthusiasm. It has been a great pleasure having you all serve the Barony and Ourselves. We wish you all well. In this light, it is time to have new Champions chosen for the following year. Please remember, in order to be able to vie for this honor you must be a member and have a subscription to the Shaft. We look forward to all of the activities that will help decide upon these Champions. This year's event looks to be one of the best yet.

In Service to Mighty al-Barran,

Gregor — **BARON**

Monika — **BARONESS**



From the Senechal

Greetings unto the Barony of al-Barran,
It is with a heavy heart that I announce that I will be leaving the barony. I will be moving to Trimaris the beginning of December most probably for four years or so. At this time I am requesting letters of intent for those who would like to apply for the position. A good working knowlege of the SCA, Corpora, and Kingdom Law are all a must for anyone who wants this position. Please send letters of intent to Their Excellencies, myself, and the Kingdom Seneschal. A decision will be made on my successor as soon as reasonably possible to allow for a decent transition period with the lucky individual stepping up at Day of A&S in November.

On a brighter note the Valencia County Fair went well. The Fair staff was asking us to return before we had even finished setting up. We were definitely the highlight of the outdoor activities. Thank you to all those who took time out of their Saturday to come out and help show the SCA to Belen. Pack Games was a great time for all of us who showed. There were many fighters, both heavy and light, on the field of combat and, while it was hot, it looked like they all had a good time. Thanks to Natasha for organizing the wonderful donation lunch. And thanks to all those cooks in the Barony who provided food for us to eat.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped out with the demos. And I look forward to spending what time I have left in the barony with everyone at all our upcoming events.

Yours in Service,
THL Y Port Lairge
Seneschal of al-Barran

From the Chronicler

Unto the populace of al-Barran, the new chronicler sends greetings!

This is a new journey for me as I take over as Chronicler. The designing of newsletters is not new, but the subject matter is. I know that this new position will have me asking lots of questions, such as, what do you want to see in the Shaft? I have received plenty of input from the populace and they have cried out that it is time for a change...and that is what I am giving to al-Barran.

Starting with the October Shaft, there will be a change in layout and graphics. You will see more articles discussing topics you want to hear about. What I need from you is your support in submitting articles. You might have a topic that you always wanted to discuss, but were afraid to write about, well, the time is now. I am currently accepting artwork and articles. The deadline for submissions for the October issue is September 21st and the deadline for the November issue is October 19th.

Thank you in advance for your support and please if you have any questions or ideas, I am always open to suggestions. You can contact me at (505) 299-0713 or on my cell at (505) 450-4706.

Serving al-Barran,
Lady Teresa

From the Captain of Archers

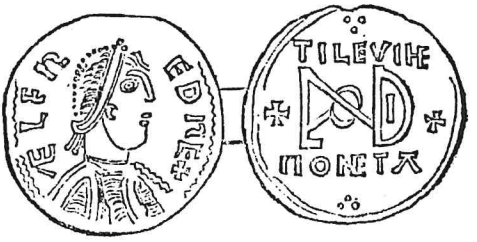
Greetings unto All,

September will be full of opportunities to participate in archery. I look forward to seeing old and new archers out. September 14-16 is al-Barran Champions, in which we hold the Baronial Archer Tournament. Fun shoots and scoring opportunies will also be present.

September 28-30 is a new archery focused event for al-Barran, Nock on Wood. We will have a variety of interesting shoots, as well thrown weapons and archery classes. The site is very close to Albuquerque, so for those that do not want to camp, day tripping is very possible.

Practices continue on Saturdays at 10 am at Sir Tore's and every other Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Sir Stefan's, which is the center of town. As always, these are a great time to work on your skills in fine company.

Thanks very much,
Lady Lyneya del Filde



Court Dancing

Court Dance practices at fighter practice, will be September 23 and 30 at Bataan Park, from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Everyone, age 7 and up are welcome at our court dance practices. Bataan Park is at the NW corner of Lomas and Carlisle. For more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Jayne at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Music and Court Dance discussion list by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/. This free yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedr
2 - Fighter Practice - **Warders of the Western Gate**	3 - Blaiddwyn Court Dance - Bellydancing	4 - Westside Fighter Practice	Fi - Scrib
9 -Fighter Practice - **Crown Tournament**	10 - Blaiddwyn Belly-dance - Bellydancing - Gammer Gurton's Needle	11 - Newcomers' Meeting - Westside Fighter Practice	Fi - Scrib
16 - Fighter Practice - **Baronial Champions**	17 - Blaiddwyn Court Dance - Bellydancing	18 - Citizens' Meeting - Westside Fighter Practice	Fi - Scrib
23 - Court Dance Practice	24 - Blaiddwyn Belly-dance - Bellydancing	25 - Westside Fighter Practice	Fi - Scrib
30 - Fighter Practice Court Dance Practice - **Nock On Wood**			

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nesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 - Archery - Westside Fighter Practice **- Warders of the Western Gate**
5 - Blaiddwyn ghter Practice oes' Workshop	6	7	8 Archery **- Crown Tournament**
12 - Blaiddwyn ghter Practice oes' Workshop	13	14 - Weaving Workshop **- Baronial Champions**	15 - Archery - Westside Fighter Practice **- Baronial Champions**
19 - Blaiddwyn ghter Practice oes' Workshop	20	21 **SHAFT ARTICLES DUE!**	22 - Archery **- Mountain Pas**
26 - Blaiddwyn ghter Practice oes' Workshop	27	28 **- Nock On Wood**	29 **- Nock On Wood**
	Regular Activities Listings Pages 10 and 11 have more regular activities information.		

Regular Activities

Citizens Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: THL Y, 265-0161.*

Fighter Practice Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: THL Chinua, 220-3136.*

Rapier Practice Sunday afternoons at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lady Elisabeau, 891-4555.*

Westside Fighter Practice First and third Saturdays from 11am to 1pm and Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm at Snead Park in Rio Rancho. Directions: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course. Go north on Golf Course to Southern and turn left. Turn right on Nicklaus and go 2 blocks to Casper. Turn left on Casper and go 2 blocks to Snead Loop. The park is half way down on the left. Contact: Sir Chinua (knightmarshal@al-barran.org) or Aimara Baratzuri (aheartgule@gmail.com).

Archery Practice Archery Practice: Held on every Saturday of each month, at 10 am. Wednesday night practices beginning at 6:30 pm are held every other week. Saturday practice range is at Sir Tore's land in the east mountains. Wednesday practice range is at Sir Stefan's home in town. *Contact: Lady Lyneya del Filde for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice Held on Wednesdays starting at 7:00 pm. Fighter practice is held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm. *Contact: Josh, the Blaiddwyn Knight Marshal, by email at kobbie44d@msn.com.*

Newcomers Household Meeting will be on 8/14 at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T-tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact THL Christopher Blackwood at 872-2994.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Regular Activities

Blaiddwyn Dance Practice Every Monday starting at 6:00pm outside Carlisle Gym. We alternate between court dance and belly dance. The first and third Monday is court dance. Bring a drum on the second and forth Monday for belly dance. *Contact: Lady Dovey by email at alzarqa13@yahoo.com.*

Blaiddwyn Populace Meeting 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm at the Frontier Restaurant across from UNM at Central and Cornell. All are welcome to this business meeting for the College. *Contact: Lord Rab, 362-6032 or by email at sca@unm.edu.*

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Gammer Gurton's Needle The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. GGN meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR THL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

al-Barran Youth Team This team meets to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers. To join this free yahoo discussion list, go to *http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/ Please contact Lady Jayne Barber (aka Lady Barbara) at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for additional information.*

Scribes' Workshop Learn the art of Calligraphy and Illumination. Scribes gather weekly at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Location is the workshop of Baron Sebastian and THL Alexandra. Please call ahead (256-1906) for directions and to make sure the workshop will be held that night.

Intro to Bellydancing for Timid Folk Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at 410 Columbia SE. *Contact Lady Saelomon at 265-5319 or spitfiyre@yahoo.com for more information.*

Champions of al-Barran

Land's End (Stanley, NM)
September 14-16, 2007
Site opens at 12 pm and closes at 3 pm on Sunday
Event is FREE
Site is wet

As the current champions of al-Barran have given much of their time and blood to defend this great barony and its people, it is time to allow such battle-hardened veterans to retire with honor. Let new champions rise to see to the defense of our great Baron and Baroness and the populace! Their Excellencies invite one and all to Champions of al-Barran!

There will be something for everyone. For the heavy fighters, there will be the Champion and Master Swordsman tournaments. For the rapier fighters, we will have the usual Protector of the Baroness's Heart and Master Swordsman. The new Bard of al-Barran will be chosen, and of course, it is time for the barony to receive her new Champion Archer. Also, expect a scroll competition, to be judged all day Saturday. At night on Saturday, there will be the baronial bardic...and of course...this year, the TAVERN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS! Expect beautiful ladies from al-Barran, and even some other baronies and free beer (donations accepted). We will even have a special night for the ladies!

So with all the fighting, singing, shooting, dancing, (and ahem...maybe a little drinking), there will be no such thing as a boring time at al-Barran Champions this year! Keep that armor in good repair, break out the tankards, and bring your singing voice...our new champions will soon rise!

Directions: Take I-40 east from Albuquerque to Exit 196. Go North on NM 41 for 12 miles. Turn east (right) on White Lakes Rd. Go 4.5 miles to Rough Rd. Turn North (left) and go 2 miles. Turn east (right) at SCA sign and go 1 mile to Land's End.

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Mountain Pas' and Highland Games

Shire of Drygestan
September 22, 2007
Site opens at 9 am and closes at 5 pm
Site fee is $4.00 for members; $7.00 for non members
Fighters are requested to bring an item for the prize table
List opens at 9am; Tourney begins at 10am
North Mesa picnic grounds (City of Los Alamos, NM)

We humbly ask that you join us on this day for the beautiful changing of the autumn leaves for a day of fighting, fun, friendship and whimsy! All who attend are requested to show plenty of fancy and pageantry, don their best clothes and trappings and bring a sense of fun! On this day we will hold a Heavy Weapons Tourney to be fought with sword, dagger, ax and spear (no shields will be allowed). Each fighter shall have a crest upon his helm, dress in their finest fighting garb, bring a shield or banner to display their arms around the tourney field and bring a herald to give them a grand and glorious introduction onto the tourney field.

This grand tournament will be a "Passage of Arms" to test the mettle of any who are brave enough to challenge the elevation of the Mountain Pas' and stand with honor before their Peers to meet the challenges set before them and earn the right to be The Champion of the Mountain Pas'!

It is our hope to challenge and inspire our fighters to great feats of skill, honor, pageantry, and remind them that humor and whimsy are also desirable qualities for any noble. There will be pixies and other woodland creatures about who will be watching closely for the best death and other things...and remember we want humor and whimsy.

A donation lunch shall be provided.

The Highland games are open to all and will start at 1 pm
Games will include: Sheep throwing, Rolling pin toss, Pinata Jousting, Bocce Ball, The Cinderella's slipper just to name a few. If you have a game you would like to bring to add to the fun please feel free to do so.

Directions to the site will be listed in the September issue.

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Co-Autocrat: Lady Maria Del Gato
Fighting Coordinator: Lady Dairine of Oak Hill

Nock on Wood

Cedro Peak Campsite, Cibola National Forest
September 28-30
Site opens at 3 pm on Friday and closes promptly 10 am on Sunday
Site Fees are $5 Age 12 and up with proof of membership age; Under 12 Free, plus a $3 non-member fee added when appropriate. There is no family cap.
Site is discretely Wet

Nock, nock, who's there:
Greetings fellow archers. Join us at the historic Cedro Peak in al-Barran's east mountains, site of the first Grand Outlandish for a weekend of archery, weapons throwing, classes and just plain fun. Come and enjoy camping Friday and Saturday nights or just day trip on Saturday, as its less than 15 miles from al-Barran.

This is an established campground with a covered Ramada, picnic tables, Bar-B-Q pits, potable water, bear proof trash receptacles (please use them) and bathrooms. Please have a fire extinguisher and shovel for each camp site as fires might be allowed depending on current conditions/restrictions at the time. As always leave the site cleaner than we found it.

There will be a pot luck feast on Saturday evening under the ramada with the barony providing meat smoked by Sir Stefan. Bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP to Sir Stefan at: wander7@swcp.com by September 19th so food quantities can be anticipated. Following the pot luck feast will be a bardic circle led by Mistress Beau Marishka.

Activities will start Friday afternoon with open practice for shooting and weapon's throwing. The archery range will be open all day on Saturday, starting with an "early bird get the worm" shoot, at least a couple of "royal rounds", balloons shoots, a rabid rabbit shoot and more. For those interested in trying their skill at combat archery, Kill Bill will be on site with loaner crossbows and hand bows . There will be an information board located at the ramada with the weekend's schedule. There will be loaner archery equipment available. Thrown weapons will be limited to axes and knives (no spears or bull).

Classes: Classes will be offered in several categories to include, but not limited to: being a line marshal; arrow fletching, string making, with personal instruction on the range available. There will be an arrow repair station available (donations accepted). As always minors in attendance must have the proper documents If you wish to volunteer to help please contact the autocrat Lady Lyneya, captain of the archers at: jfildes@earthlink.net

Directions: From Albuquerque, take 1-40 eastbound. Exit at Tijeras (exit #175) and go south (Right Lane). At the stop light, go straight, onto highway 337 (old South 14). Go about 5 miles through Cibola Nat. Forest. Between mile marker 25 and 24, take a left onto Juan Tomas Rd. There will be a left hand turn lane present. A short distance down, take your first left and the Cedro Peak Campground is one mile down on the west side.

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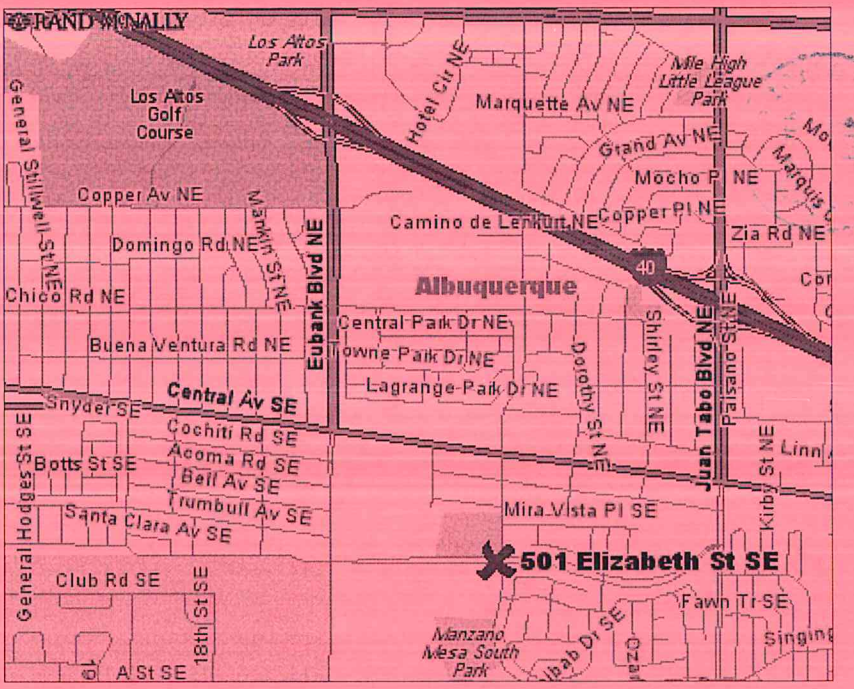
Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting is located at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on September 18th. Please contact the Seneschal, THL Y Port Lairge at 265-0161 for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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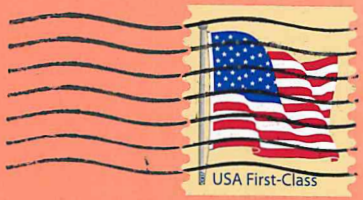

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